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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan leaders, considered the backbone of grassroots governance, play a vital role in the day-to-day administration and development of local communities. They address the people's immediate concerns, implement government programs, and ensure that resources are allocated effectively.

Extending the term of office to six years allows leaders sufficient time to conceptualize and execute long-term programs. A six-year term ensures that leaders can oversee these initiatives from start to finish, enhancing their effectiveness; and ensuring the continuity of programs meaningful for the greater community.

Frequent changes in leadership often disrupt the continuity of grassroots programs. Change in leadership often lead to different agenda or retard the realization of programs sowed and yet to bear fruit. A longer term would reduce such disruptions, allowing the barangays to maintain momentum and ensure the sustained progress.

Moreover, a six-year term with a two-term limit strikes a balance between stability and accountability. Leaders would have up to 12 years to implement their vision for the community while precluding an incumbent to stagnate while holding the political position. This allows barangays to focus on long-term outcomes without compromising democratic principles of accountability.

In view of the recent Supreme Court ruling on the various enactments by Congress in extending the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections, this bill vies to establish a better predictability, regularity and safeguard to our community officials.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A TERM OF OFFICE FOR BARANGAY ELECTIVE OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Elective Officials and Sangguniang Kabataan Fixed Term Act of 2025."

Section 2. *Term of Office.* The term of office of all elected barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall be six (6) years. No barangay elective official or member of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position. Voluntary renunciation of office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term for which the elective official was elected.

Section 3. *Date of Election.* The next regular barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of May 2029 and every six (6) years thereafter.

Section 4. *Assumption of Office.* The term of office of barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan elected subsequent to the effectivity of this Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their election.

Section 5. *Hold-Over.* All in incumbent barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall remain in office unless sooner removed or

suspended for cause until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Commission on Elections shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within thirty (30) days upon the effectivity of this Act.

Section 7. *Separability Clause.* In any provision, section or part of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other provisions, sections or parts hereof.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to an inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the *Official Gazette.*

Approved,